II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A method for parametrizing ~~the~~ a greeting message of a voice mailbox characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

a first user records a greeting message at a first terminal,

the greeting message is compressed at the first terminal,

a multimedia message comprising the compressed greeting message is produced at the first terminal,

the multimedia message comprises an instruction field to indicate that it is a greeting message,

the multimedia message is sent from the first terminal to a greeting message server,

a second user gets connected, through a second terminal, to a voice mail service of a voice mail server,

a request is sent from the voice mail server to the greeting message server, the request comprising a called user identifier,

the greeting message in a database corresponding to the called user identifier is sent, from the greeting message server and to the voice mail server,

the greeting message is sent from the voice mail server and to the second terminal,

the greeting message is sent out acoustically to the second terminal.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message is formatted according to an XML type message.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message comprises a field identifying the user producing the greeting message.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message comprises a piece of format information for the greeting message.

5. (Currently amended) A method for the parametrizing of ~~the~~ a greeting message of a voice mailbox, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:

an instruction field, indicating the fact that the multimedia message is a message for updating the greeting message, is received at a greeting message server,

the ~~sender~~ creator of the multimedia message is determined at the greeting message server,

the greeting message is extracted from the greeting message server,

the greeting message is recorded in a database, the greeting message ~~in~~ being made to correspond, via a called user identifier in the database, to the ~~sender~~ creator of the multimedia message,

a user gets connected, through a terminal, to a voice mail service of a voice mail server,

a request is sent from the voice mail server to the greeting message server, the request comprising the called user identifier,

the greeting message in the database corresponding to the called user identifier is sent, from the greeting message server and to the voice mail server,

the greeting message is sent from the voice mail server and to the terminal,

the greeting message is sent out acoustically to the terminal.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 5, characterized in that the greeting message is transcoded, before recording, as a function of the format used by the greeting message server and as a function of a piece of information on format included in the multimedia message.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the terminal is a mobile telephone.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the terminal is a computer.